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DXpedition Ends Prematurely



The one-man "Cows over the World" DXpedition has ended on a sad note. Tom Callas, KCOW, reported that everything he owned was stolen in Kiribati. Radio equipment, personal belongings and even food had been taken. Tom had planned to resume his T30COW operation from Western Kiribati and was to continue operations from the Solomons, Tokelau, and Bangladesh. Tom wishes to thank all who offered him assistance to carry on with his DXpedition but preferred to return home and purchase his own equipment.

Galway VHF Group 70cm Repeater



The Galway VHF Group 70cm Repeater is scheduled for placement on its permanent location on Knockroe, Abbeyknockmoy, Co Galway in October. Initial tests have revealed that coverage of some 87% of Co Galway will be possible in addition to areas of neighbouring counties. The 2m APRS Digipeater will be switched on at this time and should give similar coverage. Reports will be appreciated and should be forwarded to Steve, EI5DD, wrightsl@eircom.net More information may be found at www.galwayvhfgroup.blogspot.ie

Scouts Jamboree on the Air



The Scout Jamboree on the Air, JOTA, takes place next month on the weekend of 15th and 16th October. Scouting Ireland and IRTS are making a special effort to increase activity and a number of radio clubs and individual operators have already indicated their intention to take part. This is an excellent opportunity to promote the hobby particularly amongst teenagers and young adults. If you can help out either by hosting some scouts at your station or providing a station at a scout premises, please contact Paul EI2CA QTHR or mobile 087 2523908.

Southern Ireland Repeater Group

Due to interference problems from a digital source it has become necessary to put tone access on the EI7MLR repeater (430.950MHz) on Mount Leinster. If you are a regular user of the repeater you should program your radio to send a 156.7Hz tone. The 4m port on the Mt. Leinster repeater on 70.400MHz is off air for maintenance and should be back on air in a week or so. Up to date information on Southern Ireland Repeater Group's repeaters etc. can be found on their blog page at <https://sirnrepeaters.blogspot.ie/> or on Facebook.

Counties Contest



The IRTS 40 Metres Counties Contest takes place on Sunday the 9th October from 12:00 – 15:00 UTC. For this contest, the 32 EI and GI counties are multipliers. The contest has Fixed and Portable sections, with two mode options: SSB Only or SSB/CW. There is also an SWL section. Those planning to operate in the portable sections should familiarise themselves with the "Requirements for Portable Section Entries" in the rules. To encourage more CW operation in the mixed mode sections, there is a final score bonus of 1,000 points for any entry that includes at least 10 valid CW QSOs with EI or GI stations; note also that there is a suggested CW "centre of activity" of 7022. See www.irts.ie/contests for the full rules, which include specified frequency ranges within the 40 metre band for this contest.

Amateur Station Licence Exam



The next Amateur Station Licence Exam takes place on Thursday 1st December in the ComReg offices in Dublin. The closing date for applications to sit this exam is Thursday 10th November. See www.irts.ie/exam for details about the exam, how to enter plus links to the syllabus, course guide and other study material.

Bouvet Island DXpedition



The Bouvet Island DXpedition team has announced that its permit to land on Bouvet Island for a DXpedition has been updated, revised, and approved by the Norsk Polar Institute. The 3Y0Z call sign will hit the airwaves in early 2018. Bouvet is the second most-wanted DXCC entity. The seasoned 20-member Bouvet Island 2018 DXpedition team will cover one-half of the venture's cost out of their own pockets and is encouraging support from the DX community for the rest. A dependency of Norway, Bouvet is a sub-antarctic island in the South Atlantic. The last Bouvet activation was 3Y0E, during a scientific expedition over the winter of 2007-2008.

Morse Tests

Morse Tests will be available from 2pm in the Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone during the afternoon of October 22nd. The test is by appointment only. To obtain an appointment please contact Dave Moore EI4BZ at 087-6290574 or 021-4883555 or Sean Donelan at 01- 2821420. Cost of test is €20.

Carrickfergus Rally

The Carrickfergus Amateur Radio Group will be holding their Radio Rally at Downshire Community College, Co Antrim, BT38 7DA on Saturday the 22nd of October. Access for Traders at 9:30 am. Doors open at 11:30 am and admission is £3. There will be trade stands, a bring and buy stand, special interest groups and an RSGB bookstall. To book a table and for further info, contact Tim MIOTBL carg@hotmail.co.uk

Members Advertisements

For Sale

Yaesu FT 736 UHF/VHF Transceiver very good condition fully working, printed manual, mic and original box

€350

HF module for FT 726 covers 10,12 and 15m 10w output
€150

Pictures of radio can be seen on for sale section at www.ei7mre.org

Contact Dominic EI9JS phone 0868941900

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Kenwood TS950SDX Transceiver complete with **SP950 matching speaker** and **MC85 base mic** all in excellent condition and complete with boxes

€1450.00

Diawa HL180V 2 metre amplifier 5 - 25 watts in 180 watts out. In as new condition with box

€150.00

Contact Jim Barry EI8GS phone 087 2533768

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Ameritron AL-811H linear amplifier 160-10m (4 valve model), a very quiet desktop amp. Excellent condition, can be demonstrated working in the shack.

€750

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Contests OCTOBER 2016

WA7BNM Contest Calendar : RSGB HF Contests : UKEICC Contests : IRTS Contests

Sat 1	08:00	24 hours	Oceania DX Contest SSB	160-10m, work Oceania only, exchange serials
Sun 2	06:00	4 hours	UBA ON – SSB	80m, work Belgium only, exchange serials
Sun 2	07:00	12 hours	RSGB Int. DX SSB/CW	20-10m, work everyone, exchange serials
Wed 5	20:00	60 mins	UKEICC SSB	80m, work everyone, exchange Locators, e.g. IO63
Sat 8	08:00	24 hours	Oceania DX Contest CW	160-10m, work Oceania only, exchange serials
Sat 8	12:00	24 hours	SAC SSB	80-10m, work Scandinavia only, exchange serials
Sun 9	06:00	3 hours	UBA ON – CW	80m, work Belgium only, exchange serials
Sun 9	12:00	3 hours	IRTS 40m Counties SSB/CW	work everyone, send serial, county
Wed 12	19:00	60 mins	RSGB Club Sprint CW	80m, work UK only, exchange call signs, serial & name
Sat 15	15:00	24 hours	Worked All Germany SSB/CW	80-10m, work Germany, send serial, DOK from DLs
Sun 16	19:00	90 mins	RSGB RoLo CW	80m, send six character Locator from previous QSO
Sat 22	12:00	24 hours	UK/EI DX SSB	80-10m, work everyone, serials (+ District Code UK & EI)
Wed 26	20:00	60 mins	UKEICC CW	80m, work everyone, exchange Locators, e.g. IO63
Thu 27	19:00	60 mins	RSGB Club Sprint SSB	80m, work UK only, exchange call signs, serial & name
Sat 29	00:00	48 hours	CQWW DX SSB	160-10m, exchange CQ Zone (14 for EI/GI entrants)
Every Wed		60 mins	CWops Mini Contests	160-10m, three separate CW contests

List compiled by Joe EI7GY (Times are UTC)